

# Stones River

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Stones River National Battlefield



## 150th Anniversary Programs - December 29-30, 2012

**9 AM - *The Approaching Thunder*** - Join a ranger for a talk that focuses on the events of the Stones River Campaign 150 years ago to the day. (30 minutes)

**10 AM - *Rising Tide*** - Watch a Confederate infantry demonstration and listen to how the Confederates shattered the Union right flank during the morning of December 31, 1862. (30 minutes)

**11 AM - *Resisting the Tide*** - The ranger will recount the harrowing fight in the Slaughter Pen while Union infantry presents a firing demonstration. (30 minutes)

**12 PM - *Covering the Retreat*** - Watch cannons fire and learn how Union artillery struggled to hold back the Confederate tide with mixed results. (30 minutes)

**1 PM - *Hell's Half Acre*** - A ranger will recount the bloody struggle at the Round Forest as Confederate infantry presents a firing demonstration. (30 minutes)

**2 PM - *Fighting for the Pike*** - Union infantry takes the field while a ranger tells visitors how the Army of the Cumberland made its stand to protect its lifeline. (30 minutes)

**3 PM - *Artillery Saves the Days*** - Visitors will appreciate the critical role of cannons in forging the Union victory. Program will include a cannon firing demonstration. (30 minutes)

**4 PM - *A Hard Earned Victory*** - Join a ranger for a discussion of the important military, political, and social impacts of the costly Union victory at Stones River. (30 minutes)

### Camp Programs

While you wait for the next demonstration to begin, join soldiers and civilians in our interpretive camp and discover the stories from beyond the battlefield. Presentations will include: Gen. George H. Thomas, Signal Corps, Artificers, Camp Games, Provost Marshal, and the civilian story of Holly Mcfadden. The camp will be open from 10 AM to 3 PM daily.

### Family Fun

Young visitors can gather at the Family Activity Tent from 9 AM to 3 PM each day and complete activities to earn a special 150th anniversary Junior Ranger badge. Activities will include:

**Writing Home:** Read some letters that soldiers wrote home and then write your own letter with pen and ink.

**Soldiering:** Discover what soldiers carried with them and the difficulties of camp life.

**Who Were They?** : Explore the museum and learn about different people who experienced the Battle of Stones River.

**Guns and Shovels:** Take a short hike around the visitor center and complete a scavenger hunt while learning about some of the history.